The Times-Dispatch

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COTTON SWINDLE IS CARRIED OUT BY FORGED BILLS

FIRMS WILL LOSE MANY MILLIONS

Are Severely Hit by Steal. Scheme Worked Through Shipments of Cotton to England.

concerns, it was stated that several Continental cotton houses were heavy

three of the Alabama firm. A marity of them, however, have large
rounts of capital and will be able to
be over the situation, but a few of
m will be seriously hit.
The heads of some of the houses in
verpool will proceed to the United
ates by the first steamer available
order to investigate the situation.
loss as a result of the failure is
tely to fall upon English bankers,
no are amply secured.

cey and Company. While they are still in doubt as to the actual loss sus-tained by their firms, they all agree tained by their firms, they all agree that under the present system of doing business in cotton, great losses are possible, and even easy. The local cotton men are inclined to rejoice at the news that Liverpool men, counting on receiving from America cotton bought at a very low figure, have shipped back to America large quantities of cotton at an advanced price to break the American market. If the Liverpool men have been deceived by forged bills of lading, the local men claim the shortage of cotton in England will cause the shut down of the mills there.

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Several depositors in the banks of
Decatur and New Decatur, who had
heard that these banks were heavily
involved on account of the failure,
called for their money, but when they
were shown that the banks had plenty
of eash thoy did not draw out their

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Every effort to solve the real cause of the failure has thus far failed. According to the best of information obtained, none of the depositors in Southern banks will suffer by the failure. Mr Knight is confident that the matter will be shown to the satisfaction of the public, and it will be found that he is not responsible for the failure. There is no confirmation of the objarge that bogus bills of lading have been issued.

Pat Crowe, Who Stole Eddie Cudahy, Victim of Highwaymen, Mansfield, O., April 22.—Pat Crowe, the kidnapper of Eddie Cudahy, and later an evangelist, was held up and robbed here last night. To-day Crowe filed complaint against John Burns, a paroled Ohic Reformatory prisoner, who is held in \$5,000 bond.

HAD AN "AXE TO GRIND"

Ship Subsidy Boosters Interested From Money Standpoint.

gress,"

"Who do you mean by 'In Congress'?"
demanded Raiston.

"That applies to Representative Steenerson," replied the witness.

"We felt from his attitude and his bitter attack on the league that his motive was not worthy; that he was interested in the other side of the question."

TUCKER LAUNCHES BOOM

Maryland, for Vice-Presidency.
(Special to The Times - Dispatch.)
Washington D. C., April 22.—The
ushington Times of this afternoon
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the American Bar Association, and
e candidate for Governor of Virginia,
s launched a boom for Governor AusL. Crothers, of Maryland, for the
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MUST PRODUCE BOOKS

REPARATION GRANTED

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Washington, D. C., April 22.—South Carolina cotton shippers are affected by an opinion handed down by the Interstate Commerce Commission to an opinion handed down by the Interstates Commerce Commission to Interstate in the corn trade in connection with the issue of bills of lading.

The hope is expressed here that the settlement of the affairs of Knight, Yancey and Company will realize \$500,000.

Seek to Protect Firms.

Atlanta, Ga., April 22.—Agents for a dozen foreign cotton houses arrived in Atlanta to-day, determined to protect their firms, if possible, against loss from the failure of Knight, Yancey and Company. While they are

BURNAP IS FIGHTING

Mrs. Paine's Works of Art Will Be Appraised by Experts.

Paris, April 22.—Upon an order from the court at Tours, the Paris police to-day visited the residence of Mrs. Charles Hamilton Paine, and placed seals upon eighty-three paintings pending their aprpaised by experts, Among the number are three works attributed to Correggio, Corot and Mignard.

The order came from the court before which Mrs. Paine is suing Count de Gatigny and the countess on charges of misrepresenting paintings and antiques purchased by her.

Payments Come Slowly. Washington, D. C., April 22.—Corporation tax assessments up to date amount to \$15,203,186, Only \$132,947 has been paid into the Treasury on account of the tax. Corporations have until Jupa 30 to pay un.

ROOSEVELT DINED AT ELYSEE PALACE DIE IN EXPLOSION

He Is Honored Guest of Bruised and Burned, Sorrowfully They View President Fallieres, of France.

VISIT TO TOMB OF NAPOLEON

Strangely Silent as He Stands Before Last Resting Place of Great Conqueror-Ovations for American Traveler Continue in French Capital.

Fallieres to-night gave a gala dinner and the Republican Guard lined the men, able one.

stairways. The assemblage was a not able one. The case of the stairways are the station to be placed on the from the mine, was wrecked and all ventilations shut off.

President Pallieres took out Mr. President Pallieres Miss Ethel Roosevelt, who may not pink satin, was escorted by Mr. Jusserand, the Prench ambassador and Mrs. Bacon, for mer President and Mmr. Loubet, President a

President of the republic and Mme. Fallieres, whose grateful guests we are

automobile, he was acclaimed by great crowd. Many photographers took snapshots of the party as they

entered the Cour d' Honneur,
Roosevelt Aska Questions,
There General Dalstein, military
governor of Parks, and several aids in
ruil uniform awaited them.
Passing first into the chapel, where
were seen the tattered battle flags
captured in the Napoleonic campaigns,
(Colonel Boosevelt kept us a running.

Colonel Roosevelt kept up a running fire of comment and exchange with General Dalstein concerning incidents

of the various battles.

When the rotunda beyond was reached, and from which he looked down upon the magnificent red marble tomb of the conqueror, surrounded with the flags of Austerlitz and other reminders of the great victories of Austerlitz, Friedland, the Pyramids, Jona, Marengo and Moscow, the former President grew strangely silent.

A few moments later the party descended to the crypt, through whi they entered the tomb, over the door of which Colonel Roosevelt read the words of Napoleon written at St. Helena, and in which the great general expressed the desire that his ashes rest on the banks of the Seine among the weally played. A few moments later the party de-

Here, in a niche, was shown Napo-con's celebrated sword and black hat, leon's celebrated sword and black nat, contained in a glass case, and the unmarked stone slabs which the English general placed over the grave at Helena, but upon which he refused permit Napoleon's name to be chis-

"Extraordinary! Extraordinary!" Col-ines.

"Extraordinary! Extraordinary!" Colonel Roosevelt ejaculated several times.

From the tomb General Daistein conducted the party to the Napoleon Museum, in another wing of the building, where Mr. Roosevelt manifested intense interest in some of the personal relics of the French general and in the old prints of his principal campaigns, especially that depicting the stand of the Old Guard at Waterloo and Murat's cavairy charge at Eyleau.

A visit to the historic armory, which contains a splendid collection of mail and armor, concluded the inspection, Geremonial Armor Not Important.

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(Continued on Second Page.)

Briags Vessel to Shore in Time to Save Companions. Lives.

A plant 12.—Staggering from exhaustion and barely able to result the late of the Mark Twain of a benediction, (Signed) "MARK TWAIN."

The engine which had overcome his one of the personal relice of the Shing boat E. H. Hall, one-handed, worked the vessel over an eight earn paigns, especially that depicting the stand of the Old Guard at Waterloop and the true three true of the Commanions and barely able to result the institute of the Mark Twain of Cornell University, referred with feeling to-day to the death of Mark Twain. He said Twain and Lincoln had much in common in their struggles, achievements, leas and spiritual being. "If Lincoln on one side of him was the form the beautiful piece of mail that had been used to the common in the lake and found them lying unconscious."

EIGHTEEN MINERS REDDING MOURNS

Seven Have Miraculous Escape.

CAUSE OF HORROR IS NOT YET KNOWN

In Point of Force, Explosion Is Greatest Ever Recorded in State, a Passing Railway Train Being Badly Damaged-Experts Are Investigating.

Steubenville, Ohio, April 22.-The lives of eighteen miners were snuffed onor of Theodore Roosevelt. The en- Youghlogheny and Ohio Coal Company's tire palace was brilliantly illuminated mine at Amsterdam last night. Seven and the Republican Guard lined the cued from the mine, and their escape stairways. The assemblage was a not-

locked in each others arms. This gives the rescuers the belief that the men were not killed instantly, but that they were suffocated by the afterdamp.

A reception followed the dinner, to which many other notables of the French literary and scientific world the American colony, including William K. Vanderbilt, were invited to meet Colonel Roosevelt.

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time of the explosion was either for-ty-two or forty-three. No attempt is made at the mouth or the mine to identify the bodies. As the mine to identify the bodies. As they are taken from the shaft they are placed into ambulances and hurried to Ensley, six miles away, to be prepared for burial. Identification is then made at the morgue when possi-

DEFENDS MR. BALLINGER

Scattle Bar Association Censures Recent Publication.

Scattle Wash. April 22.—The Seattle Bar Association at a meeting last night adopted with but one dissenting vote, a resolution condemning the action of an Eastern magazine in publishing an article containing an attack upon Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, in which he was referred to as a "shyster."

The article referred to was termed an "unwarranted and vicious assault" upon the character of Mr. Ballinger and a reflection upon the good name of the bar and of the Federal courts of Seattle. The resolution reviews at great length the court records in the cases referred to in the magazine article and the report of the special referee in bankruptcy and of a previous investigation of the bar which exonerated Ballinger.

The resolution also contains a renewal of the indorsement of Ballinger and declares that the charges adopted by the magazine are without any foundation whatever

BOATMAN A HERO

Brings Vessel to Shore in Time to Save Companions' Lives.

Stormfield, WhereMark Twain Lies Dead.

SIMPLE FUNERAL IN NEW YORK TO-DAY

Services Will Be Conducted in Old Brick Church by Dr. Henry Van Dyke-Humorist Leaves Fortune of More Than Million Dollars.

Redding, Conn., April 22 .- The little village of Redding was in mourning to-

engaged in working for a bill "In the ongaged in working for a bill "In the interest of literature," as he expressed it in his communication, in which he asked for the privileges of the floor of the House. The original letter was found in Speaker Cannon's files and appears below. Mr. Twain asked the thanks of Congress, as that action by Congress carried with the find the deluge tablet.

GRAFT TRIAL NEARS END

files and appears below. Mr. Twain asked the thanks of Congress, as that action by Congress carried with it the privilege of the floor. The humorist's request caused much anusement at the time among members of the House, but it was not officially acted upon. The letter follows:

"Dear Uncle Joe: Please get me the thanks of Congress—not next week, but right away. It is very necessary. Do accomplish this for your affectionate old friend—and right away. By persuasion, if you can, by violence if you must. For it is imperatively necessary that I get on the floor for two or three hours and talk to the members, man by man, in behalf of the support, encouragement and protection of one of the nation's most valuable assets and industries—its literature. I have arguments with me—

able assets and Industries—its literature. I have arguments with mealso a barrel with liquid in it.
"Get me a chance. Get me the thanks of Congress. Don't wait for the others. There is not time. Furnish them to yourself, and let Congress raify later. I have stayed away and let Congress alone for seventy-one years. enty-one years, and am entitled to the thanks. Congress knows this perfectly well; and I have long felt that this

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ELECTIONS COMPLETED

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Washington, D. C., April 22,—In the second election made necessary to complete the list of officers of the fine Daughters of the American Revolution, in session here, Mrs. Sarah T. Kinney, of Connecticut, was chosen honorary vice-president, defeating Mrs. Charles E. Deere, of Hinois, by a majority of fifty votes.

The tenth vice-president-general elected was Mrs. Anna Caroline Benning, of Georgia, who was given a majority over Mrs. Charles Russell Davis, of Minnesota, of eighty-seven votes Other nominees received only a few votes. This completes the list of officers to be chosen by the congress.

The announcement of the election results was made at the session of the congress to-night.

Judge Hugh V Washington, of Georgia, son of Mary Hamilton Washington, of Georgia, the first real Daughter of the Revolution to join the society, was presented to the congress at the afternoon session, and paid a tribute to the organization. A bust of his mother will be placed in Continental Hall in honor of the real Daughters, Many of the delegates made an excursion to-day to Annapolis, touring Maryland and all its points of colonial interest. The Governor received the party at Government House.

The Children of the American Revolution, who have been in convention during the current week, rave an entertainment in Continental Hall this afternoon, which was largely attended by the Daughters and the public.

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c. Charley Taft, the President's young-st son, it is said, will shortly be-ome a member of the Children of the inerican Revolution. He is now fill-ng out papers for membership and as completed three generations of neestors. As soon as all the links ave been collected he will enter his ame upon the membership roll.

BIG FRAUD UNEARTHED

Alleged Swindlers Sought to Get Awa With Valuable Jewelry. Mobile, Ala., April 22.—Details c what is alleged to be one of the big gest frauds unearthed in the Sout gest frauds unearthed in the South in years were made public to-day with the simultaneous arrest on warrants charging conspiracy to defraud the government of Jesse H. and Daniel H. Shreve, at Tuscaloosa, Ala; R. T. Shreve, at Tuscaloosa, Ala; R. T. Shreve, James E. Shreve, Hilliard Shreve, George H. Shreve, John Johnson and William Franklin, at Montgomery, and Sam Copeland, at Scottsboro, Ala, Johnson and Franklin are negroes.

The men are charged with withhelding from the Federal referce in bankruptcy for this district assets of the City Jewelry Company, of Montgomery, Ala, wilfully knowing of their whereabous at the time.

DEFENDS DELUGE TABLET

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Philadelphia, Pa., April 22.—Dr. Hermann Hilprecht, of the Department of Archaeology of the University of Pennsylvania, to-day made public a formal reply to the criticism uttered at the recent meeting in Baltimore of the American Oriental Society on the value of a Babylonian tablet found by Dr. Hilprecht, which he said upheld the biblical story of the deluge. The criticism was contained in a paper, read by Professor George Barton of Brynn Mawr College, in which he was reported as having said that the tablet which Dr. Hilbrecht had found, and which he declared upheld the Bible story of the flood, was a "tabrication and an exploitation of an archaeological fraud for purely sensational purposes".

Dr. Hilbrecht says in renly:

without exception.

Rebuttal Evidence Eschewed by Court at Harrisburg.

At Harrisburg.

Harrisburg Pa., April 22.—The trial of Joseph M. Huston, the Philadelphia architect, charged with conspiracy to defraud the State through a contract for furniture for the State Capitol, was adjourned to-day until Monday. The session of the court to-day was devoted to argument on an offer of evidence in resuttal by the Commonwealth tending to show that Huston considered it his duty to measure articles specified in the furniture contract.

tract.

The offer was rejected by the court,
Following the examination of two
witnesses Monday, the addresses to
the jury will begin.

ROOSEVELT WANTED

Effort to Iuduce Him to Speak at Meeting of Republican Clubs.

Washington, D. C., April 22.—Officers of the National Republican League today issued a call for the blennial convention of the organization in New York, June 28. The session will last three days, and delegates from every section of the country will be in attendance. Efforts are being made to induce President Roosevelt to make his first political speech on his return at the opening session of the convention, and men of mational prominence are on the program.

Washington, D. C., April 22.—Foster V Brown, of Chattanooga, Tenn., a Republican, and one of the best-known lawyers in his State, is to be nominated, according to announcement at the White House to-night, to be Attorney-General at Porto Rico, to succeed Henry M. Hoyt.

WOLTER MUST DIE IN EXPIATION OF GRUESOME CRIME

Slayer of Pretty Ruth Wheeler Sentenced to Death.

TRIAL MARKED BY MANY HORRORS

Prisoner Maintains His Stolid Indifference to the Very End. Refuses to Make Statement; Wants Only to Sleep-Will Be Sentenced Wednesday.

New York, Ppril 22—Albert Wolter, a degenerate youth of nineteen years, who gloated over lewd pictures and was "erazy" about women, must die in the electric chair for the murder of

the electric chair for the mirder of Ruth Wheeler, a pretty fifteen-year-old stenographer.

After only one hour and fifty minutes of deliberation, a jury in the Court of Special Sessions found him guilty of murder in the first degree at 10:30 o'clock to-night, bringing to a close a trial marked by its swift movement and its testimony of horrors.

The boy's counsel said with eloquence this afternoon that Wolter was too tender-hearted to harm a cat, but twelve men decided that he had stran-

sied Ruth Wheeler and had thrust her while yet alive in his freplace, where, scaked with oil, her crumpled body writhed and burned.

Asleep in Cell.

With the same waxed-faced indifference that he had shown throughout
the trial Wolter evinced no emotion
when the verdict was announced.
With almost inhuman complacency, he
had been saleen in his cell and lateral

officers, preparatory to being taken to the Tombs, he gazed about him uncon-cernealy, then wobbled away with his custodians.

ant district attorney. When he had finished, court was adjourned until

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430 o'clock for the summing up.
As Mr. Scott began, Wolter's parents
appeared in the court room for the
first time since the trial began. The
mother burst into convulsive sobbing
as she saw her boy led into the room.
Wolter's indifference during the
trial, his callous facing of the gruesome exhibits, and his lack of emotion during the heartending testimony of Ruth Wheeler's death, the
lawyer strove to emphasize as a point
in his favor. This very indifference, sald the lawyer, was indicative of the boy's innocence; if guilty,
he would not have been able to face
the ordeal with such composure. the ordeal with such composure.

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The assistant district attorney's arraignment of the prisoner was seathing. "He is not a great criminal, said Mr. Moss. "He is a dangerous criminal—a perverted character and a scourge to the community.

"There is no unexplained circumstance here." he continued. "There was never a case in which every circumstance was so straight pointed. That child was not dead when she was put into the flames. He put her in the fire with her clothing on, we may infer, and poured oil on her clothing. infer, and poured oil on her clothing. In the hand was hair which was not hers. She fought her assailant. She angered him and he put her to death. He left no victim to tell what he had done in carrying out his original intent."

Judge Foster, in his charge, laid Judge Foster, in his charge, laid emphasis upon the provisions of the court, that when a person is engaged in committing a criminal assault and commits murder, he is punishable for murder in the first degree.

"Ask yourselves," said the court, "who killed Ruth Wheeler, If you answer the defendant, ask yourselves, Was she killed by him while he was

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'Was she killed by him while he was engaged in committing a felony upon her?'
"If you answer in the affirmative, then you must find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree."

Circumstautial Case.

It was exactly 7:10 celock when Judge Foster ended his charge and the tweet election. The case in their tweet election. The case in their

jurors filed out. The case in their hands was a circumstantial one, and nothing more, but in its structure

Fraudulent Methods Alleged to Be Unearthed __ in Liverpool.

Thirty Liverpool Concerns and Several Continental Houses

sensation in Cottonopolis to-day because of widely circulated statements forged bills of lading for cotton the United States had been uncovered. The alleged fraudulent methods, it was said, involved cotton valued at \$2,500,and to addition to thirty Liverpool

drafts. When the practice was discovered the steamship companies with-held deliveries until the bills of lading were verified. The Echo says that an investigation made by importers shows that not only were a number of these bills of lading spurious, but that there was actually no cotton against some of them.

Sensational reports of the failed Alabama cotton firm of Knight, Yantey & Co., which heavily hit Liverpool houses, added to the excitement.

Like an Explosion,

KIDNAPPER HELD UP